

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An engine control apparatus includes: the switch case 1; the stop switch body 6; the stop switch knob 3; the lock plate 5; the transponder 9; and the control section 11 for controlling 5 the engine operation of the small motorboat based on the ID code from the transponder. The engine stop apparatus is comprised such that, when the lock plate 5 is disengaged from the stop switch knob 3, the stop switch body 6 is activated to allow the engine to stop or to be in an idling state. In the control section 10 11, the antenna 12 that can receive the ID code transmitted from the transponder 9 is integrally formed with the communication circuit or the authentication circuit 14 for the ID code and these are provided in the switch case 1.